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HAYWARD BECOMES FULL FLEDGED WARD

The Stake Presidency and High Councilman Delbert F. Wright visited Hayward Branch Sunday, October 24, and officiated at the creation of the new Hayward Ward. Both the Sunday morning and evening sessions were crowded with members, all pleased that the healthy growth of the Church in that region justified a full-fledged ward organization.

2nd Counselor Wilford T. Webb | *Bishop Owen L. Stewart* | *1st Counselor Thomas C. Auger*

Owen L. Stewart, first counselor in the branch presidency, was sustained as the new bishop. His counselors, also sustained, are Thomas C. Auger, who has acted as branch clerk, and Wilford T. Webb, present branch Sunday school superintendent.

Branch president Leo J. Parry, and his second counselor, Glen C. Rounds, who, with Elder Stewart, have served the branch nearly two years, were honorably released with a vote of thanks for their efficient services. Their ministry has seen very substantial growth in the ward. Following his release, President Parry gave a splendid talk, expressing his appreciation for the opportunity he had had of serving, stating that no person could render service in the Church without being better for it, and thanking the people for their devotion and loyalty. He called upon them to exercise charity and tolerance toward other's weaknesses, and to lend them a helping hand.

Bishop Stewart spoke briefly but feelingly, evincing humbleness in his new calling, and a desire to serve the members of the ward. His counselors also gave short talks.

President Hilton, who officiated, called upon the congregation to get unitedly behind their new leaders, burying all possible differences in a desire for mutual service.

Hayward Ward already owns a lot and one of the first tasks confronting the new bishopric is the creation of a building fund with a view to commencing operations at an early date.

OCTOBER GENERAL CONFERENCE

The October Conference sessions in Salt Lake City were the largest in the history of the Church, according to representatives who attended from Oakland Stake. The Sunday morning session, October 3rd, was particularly well attended, there being over 16,000 people within the confines of the Tabernacle and its grounds. Those who did not get seats inside that famous structure heard the services over loud speakers installed in the grounds and near-by assembly hall. Many additional thousands were able to listen over the radio, the entire conference being broadcast over station K.S.L. The Sunday morning service was broadcast nationally over the Columbia network at its regular Church-of-the-air. President David O. McKay delivered the sermon, and the music was furnished by the famous Tabernacle choir. Congregational singing was also featured, the immediate audience of over 11,000 joining in singing those two inspiring hymns, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning," and "How Firm a Foundation."

Oakland Stake had a fair representation considering its distance, but those who went came back with a determination to leave no stone unturned to see that hereafter every ward is represented at these marvellous spiritual feasts.

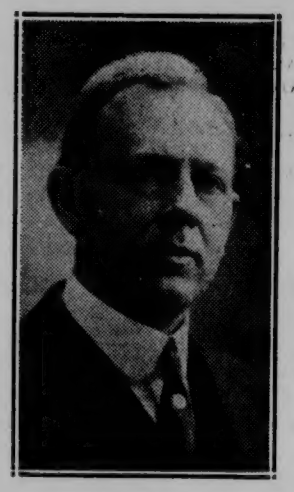
Among those attending from here were: W. Glenn Horman and Clyde J. Summerhays of the Stake presidency, together with their wives; Bishop and Mrs. John G. Shields of Oakland; Bishop and Mrs. Horace J. McFarlane of Elmhurst; and Bishop and Mrs. A. D. Erickson of Berkeley. President and Mrs. MacDonald of the California mission were also present, he being one of the speakers.

It would be difficult to single out in the short space available the most impressive thing about the Conference which was impressive from beginning to end. The peak was probably the Sunday morning service which was broadcast to the entire continent, but this was as much because of attendance and the novelty of the broadcasting as because of the program. President Grant's report on Friday of his European tour was inspiring; Apostle Smoot's talk, summarizing pithy sayings of Karl G. Maeser, was a gem; Apostle Ballard's report on things done and yet to do on the security program was invigorating; and Apostle Stephen L. Richards' address to young students seeking higher education was informative and thrilling to the core. There were many returning mission presidents who spoke and their report of the progress of the work and the need for more missionaries should not go unheeded. The report from the German mission was particularly interesting. Although some 34 different sects have been proscribed there, preaching of Mormonism goes on unhampered with governmental sanction, largely because of the 12th article of faith, affirming our belief in obedience to civil government.

All in all, the impression anyone must have received who attended is that Mormonism is far from being a decadent movement. It is living, virile, vital, and is on the threshold of greater things.

STAKE PRIESTHOOD CONFERENCE

Under the direction of Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of Twelve, a most inspiring Stake priesthood conference was held on Saturday and Sunday, October 30, and 31. Ezra C. Knowlton, representing the Church Security Committee, was also present.



Joseph Fielding Smith

At the priesthood session held Saturday evening the names of several were presented and sustained for advancement in the Melchizedek priesthood. This furnished the theme for Elder Smith's talk. He warned the brethren of the obligation which they were about to take upon themselves, saying it was far better to refuse to be ordained than to accept the responsibility and then fall down. "Whoso breaketh the covenants shall not have forgiveness of sins in this world nor in the world to come." He stressed as important in this respect the law of tithing, quoting liberally from the sayings of President Snow: "If we observe this law (tithing) no matter what our enemies may do, the Lord will preserve us." And "He has forgiven us in the past, but will not forgive us any longer." Elder Smith asked if the audience thought the Church was keeping the commandments sufficiently well to escape the judgments to be poured out, and answered the question himself in the negative. It is not enough, he said, for a few to keep them; President Snow's statement were directed not to individuals, but to the Church as a group. If our callings are not magnified, the priesthood will be taken from us.

A special security meeting was held for Stake and ward officers Sunday morning, which was addressed by Elder Knowlton. A report of stake activities along these lines was presented by C. C. Carr, who is in charge. Elder Knowlton stressed the fact that the program was not a temporary, but a permanent one, designed to help every one to help themselves. He stressed the importance of formulating projects to create new wealth which would not otherwise be created, thus laying by stores for future use in time of need.

The Sunday morning session began with a greeting from President Hilton, who welcomed the large crowd and voiced deep appreciation for the services rendered by the faithful officers of Stake and wards. High councilman Delbert F. Wright spoke briefly upon priesthood work.

Elder Knowlton, after briefly outlining the trials of early Church members, went on to show how they solved their problems without outside aid. He said, "We have now undertaken to solve the greatest problem that has faced mankind since the time of Adam—that of poverty." He stressed as a most important project vocational guidance

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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EDITORIAL

Oakland Stake is growing. New members are coming in constantly; Hayward branch is now become Hayward Ward.

The entire Church is growing—growing not only in numbers but in power. It is spreading, spreading all over the continent, in the isles of the sea, in Europe. New missions are being opened up. The report from the October general conference is that conditions look favorable to the commencing of work in Poland, Lithuania — and even Russia.

No one who witnessed the mighty assemblage at the October General Conference will believe for a moment that the movement is decadent. No one could mingle in those crowds or listen to the leaders without feeling a tremendous spiritual uplift.

The question is, are we individually keeping step? Are our houses in order? Are we in danger of dropping by the wayside, being left behind? Or are we, as Apostle Ballard puts it, doing our job as pattern makers for the world, not being mere fololwers?

Each must answer these queries for himself. In doing so, each should bear in mind that, regardless of what happens to us as individuals, *this is the Lord's work, and it will go on. Whether we take part in it, whether we profit by it, is entirely up to us. The responsibility is ours, as well as the opportunity.*

Genealogical Society Busy On Proposed Temple Excursion

A few advance details of the proposed excursion to the Mesa, Arizona, Temple, scheduled for the week April 9—17, 1938, have been arranged and are now announced by the Genealogical Society:

Transportation: S.P. daylight streamliner to Los Angeles, then overnight ride to Mesa.

Fare: $17.70 round trip, $16.20 if party exceeds 100. (Present indications indicate the lower rate.)

Ward committees are prepared to advise you regarding the pilgrimage savings fund, Temple ordinance sheets, Temple clothing problems, hotel accomodations. The pilgrimage will offer a unique opportunity for the entire family to participate in ordinance work. Interesting features for the junior baptismal group will be announced in due course.

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We should bow our heads in prayerful thanksgiving at the close of each day for blessings received. Since the last Thursday of this month is proclaimed a day of thanksgiving, it is well that we ponder for a few additional moments the deeper purposes of life and thank God that we may be partakers of them.

We are all the spiritual children of the Creator of all things; for this we should be thankful. The earth was organized that we children might have the opportunity to progress; for this we should be thankful. Adam fell that we might be and the Lord has said that Man is that he might have joy; for this we should be thankful. Jesus lived and died that we might have the opportunity to overcome the powers of Hell; for this we should be thankful. Our Father in His goodness has restored His Kingdom which shall never be torn down nor given to another people; for this we should be thankful. We each have a place and a chance to serve our Father and our fellowmen in that kingdom; for this we should also be thankful.

That we might "humble ourselves before the Lord, and call on His Holy Name and watch continually, that we might not be tempted above that which we are able to bear, and thus be led by the Holy Spirit, becoming humble, meek, submissive, patient, full of love and long suffering; having faith on the Lord; having a hope that we shall receive eternal life; having the love of God always in our hearts, that we may be lifted up at the last day and enter into His rest"; for this we should labor and pray.

Sincerely your brethren,
Eugene Hilton
W. Glenn Harmon
Clyde J. Summerhays.

ACHIEVEMENT

Again are we proud to chronicle the achievement of two of our number. James A. Sabine, formerly of Berkeley Ward Sunday School superintendency, was one of the 560 persons who recently took the California bar examination, and one of the 261 who successfully passed, thus qualifying for admission to the bar. Born and reared in Murray, Utah, Mr. Sabine obtained his A. B. degree from the University of Utah in 1930. He came to Berkeley to work in the Federal Land Bank and to complete his professional studies, receiving his bachelor's degree in law from the University of California in 1936. His work is in the legal department of the Federal Land Bank.

Vernon H. Jensen, also of the Berkeley Ward Sunday School superintendency, who has been attending the University of California and doing work for his Doctorate in the field of agricultural economics, has recently received an appointment to a professorship in Colorado College. Though his work for the Doctorate is not yet complete, he received this merited recognition for his outstanding work. He expects to return later and obtain his degree. His wife, Esther Jensen, has served for some time as music director on the Young Women's Stake board. We are sorry to lose the Jensens, and look forward to their return.

STAKE PASSES HALF WAY MARK ON MISSIONARY QUOTA

Elder J. George Haddock

With the departure of Elder J. George Haddock for the East Central States Mission, Oakland Stake reached and passed the half way mark in filling its quota of twenty-four. There are thirteen missionaries from here in foreign fields. Efforts are being made to fill the balance of the quota as rapidly as possible.

Elder Haddock's farewell was held in the Oakland ward chapel October 20th, Bishop John G. Shields presiding. There was a large audience present, all parts of the Stake being well represented. A feature of the evening was the participation in music or speech of returned missionaries from eight different lands. There were several other excellent musical numbers as well as talks by President Hilton, Bishop Shields and Elder Haddock. The program was followed by dancing and refreshments in the recreation hall.

Following is a list of the various wards, their quotas and the number of missionaries now in the field:

Ward	Membership	Missionaries	Quota
Alameda	195	0	1
Berkeley	656	2	4
Dimond	545	4	4
Elmhurst	627	4	4
Hayward	216	0	2
Martinez	334	0	2
Oakland	578	2	4
Richmond	206	0	1
Vallejo	271	1	2

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STAKE CONFERENCE

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for young people, saying there is an actual shortage of skilled labor at present, that virtually all persons on relief are the unskilled.

Elder Joseph Fielding Smith continued the line of thought of his previous discussion, stating that the gospel was the gospel of the celestial kingdom, and not that of the terrestrial or telestial kingdoms. He outlined the requirements for obtaining the celestial kingdom—strict obedience to all of the commanuments, and not to just some. He likened the Church to the five wise and five foolish virgins, stating flatly that mere membership in the Church would not earn salvation; that according to prediction only about half the membership would be really saved. He asked of each the question, "Why are you a member of the Church?" Speaking of gospel principles he urged members to learn what they mean, saying this could be done only through study and faith, if one had a mind to do it. "It is my duty to give diligent heed to every word of eternal life proceeding from the mouth of God." Every word He has given us it for our glorification and exaltation. Speaking of the Word of Wisdom and of the law of tithing, he stressed the equal importance of these principles along with the others, stating that President Grant had flatly announced at the last general conference that he expected every Church officer, general, stake and ward, to live up to these laws or step aside for someone who would.

In the afternoon session the sermon was continued along the same lines, Elder Smith stressing the need for loyalty to our heritage. The humblest elder in the Church, he said, who is true to his calling, is destined to be the equal through the eternities to presidents of the Church, and to the apostles. "I believe," he said, "in the doctrine of the survival of the fittest, but not as Darwin taught it." Survival would come to those who proved their fitness through obedience to commandment.

The general and stake authorities were presented for the sustaining vote of the people at this session. Elder Isaac B. Ball was sustained as a patriarch. Short addresses were given by Elders W. Glenn Harmon and Clyde J. Summerhays of the Stake presidency, and by William Nielsen of the High Council.

The evening session was under the auspices of the M.I.A. and a most delightful program was rendered, Elder Knowlton delivering the sermon.

The music of the various sessions was outstanding, demonstrating not only the great abundance of talent in our midst, but the able activities of the Stake music committee.

FORMER CALIFORNIA MISSIONARY PASSES ON

Josiah E. Hickman, father of Judge George W. Hickman, passed away recently at his home in Logan, Utah. He will be remembered by many people in the Bay region in connection with his missionary labors here in 1923-1927. He was a splendid missionary, succeeding in making many friends among educated classes. Rabbis and ministers liked to discuss religious topics with him.

He was the author of many articles published in educational and Church magazines. A book by him was released by his publishers about the time of his death. He never saw it in print.

He was a very fine man, and his many friends here regret his untimely passing.

MRS. JOHNSON RECOVERING

The many friends of Mrs. LaVon Johnson, wife of President J. Edward Johnson, who was operated on very suddenly October 25 for appendicitis, will be glad to know that she has had a very rapid recovery and is now convalescing at home.

PRIMARIES BEGIN SEASON WITH BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Mary Randall Superintendent — *Mavis Humphries* 1st Assistant — *Anabelle Hart* 2nd Assistant — *Esther Cooley* Secretary

With its board fully organized for the first time since the creation of the Stake, Oakland Primary workers are bginning the season in the bay area. The Primary Association affords one of the finest opportunities we have for missionary work. Reports from the various missions of the Church indicate that it reaches into homes through its service to little ones in a way that no other missionary has been able to do.

Enthusiasm of the Stake board was recently stimulated by a delightful luncheon at the home of Superintendent Mary Randall.

On Friday, December 3rd, in the Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall, the Primaries of this Stake will give a pageant, "Epoch of the Ages", depicting in colorful costume and settings the apostasy and the restoration of the Gospel, including the advent of the Pioneers into the Salt Lake valley.

A great deal of thought and preparation have been given toward making this an outstanding event of the year. It is hoped that all Church members, and all their friends, will attend.

The Messenger is planning in a coming issue to feature more fully the Primary Association, and tell something of its very interesting development.

Primary union meeting is always on the last Friday of each month, even when there are five Fridays in the month, at 1:30 P.M.

WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE
November, 1937
Salvation For The Dead

President Joseph Smith said: "The greatest responsibility in this world that has been laid upon us is to seek after our dead."

In the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 128, Verse 18, we read: "It is sufficient to know . . . that the earth will be smitten with a curse unless there is a welding link of some kind or other betwen the fathers and the children on some subject or other, and behold what is that subject? It is baptism for the dead; for we without them cannot be made perfect, neither can they without us be made perfect."

Our Church has provided seven beautiful temples in which ordinances for our dead ancestors can be carried on. The ordinances performed in these holy houses now mount into the millions. But much remains to be done.

Every member of the Church who is able to do so should do some temple work. This great responsibility cannot be neglected with impunity. Those who are not worthy and who are unable to meet the requirements for recommendation to the House of the Lord, should strive to become worthy at the earliest possible date.

Our lives are short. While we are here we should make every effort to do our full duty to those who have been denied the privilege of doing this work for themselves.

Interest in genealogical work is increasing with great rapidity throughout the world. Many records heretofore unavailable are now being opened unto us. No family with a genuine desire to seek after its dead is now denied that privilege.

The Lord has opened and is continuing to open the way. We have been commanded to do this work. Members of the Church everywhere should engage in it to the extent of their ability. Those who live at places too remote from temples to visit them in person, should carry on their genealogical work and either arrange through the proper channels (the local genealogical committee) to have work done as their means will permit or to prepare their records for the time when they themselves can go to one of the temples.

HIGH COUNCIL, MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Alameda: Don J. Allphin, Preston Jackson
Berkeley: Victor J. Lindblad, Grace Elliott
Dimond: Grant Ellis, Ed. Kingsford
Elmhurst: O. Leslie Stone, Reed Chase
Hayward: Nathan G. Tolman, Robert T. Paine
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UTAH-IDAHO HARVEST BALL

Wednesday, November 24, the eighth annual Utah-Idaho Harvest Ball will be held at the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple on Oak Street. This is one of the outstanding Stake events of the year and it is anticipated that over five hundred former residents of every town and hamlet of Utah and Idaho as well as their native and adopted California friends, will attend. The beautiful hall on the shores of Lake Merritt, will be decorated in keeping with the festive occasion. Come and join in this grand social event and dance to the entrancing music of one of the finest orchestras in the Bay region. Tickets will be $1.00 per couple. Committee in charge: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Robert Orth and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hansen.

FATHERS AND SONS OUTING

Saturday, November 6, Oscar Kirkham, world famous Boy Scout Leader, will be the guest of honor at the Fathers and Sons Outing to be held at the Berkeley Boy Scout Camp, which is located at the end of The Arlington. The event will begin at 2 P.M. and will continue into the evening. Every man and boy in the entire Stake is invited to take part in this outing, which is given primarily for the fathers and sons to become better acquainted, but is also to include fathers who have no sons and sons who have no fathers with whom to attend. There will be a variety of stunts, competitive events and splendid entertainment. Each father and son is to bring his own box lunch, which will be served at 6 P.M. with hot chocolate which will be furnished by the committee. The evening will include an excellent program around the camp fire. Those who have heard Oscar Kirkham on previous occasions look forward to a rousing, enthusiastic entertainment to be long remembered. Committee in charge: Don Woods, Sam Scott, and Marshall Stoddard.

M MEN BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Following is the M Men basketball schedule for the next five weeks. Games will be played in the gymnasium of the Emeryville High School, 4th and San Pablo. Admission is 25c per game. Season tickets may also be obtained.

Wednesday, November 3—
Oakland vs. Elmhurst; Alameda vs. Dimond
Wednesday, November 10—
Berkeley vs Alameda; Elmhurst vs Dimond
Wednesday, November 17—
Oakland vs Berkeley; Elmhurst vs Alameda
Monday, November 22—
Oakland vs Alameda; Berkeley vs Dimond
Monday, November 29—
Oakland vs Dimond; Berkeley vs Elmhurst
Wednesday, December 1—
Oakland vs Elmhurst; Alameda vs Dimond

MALE CHORUS TO HELP CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Mormon Male Chorus will furnish a complete program at Concord Christian Church the last part of November. The purpose to raise funds for a building program. They will be assisted by Mrs. Boyle of Berkeley, talented violinist, and Mrs. Aaltje Johan, vocalist of Dimond Ward, a former member of K. L. S. Staff.

THE MacDONALDS VISIT US

Following the October general conference, President and Mrs. W. Aird MacDonald, together with a number of missionaries, were visitors in the Bay region. President MacDonald reports the condition of the mission as healthy, but that the need of more missionaries is great. Arrangements are under way to call in many of the missionaries who are now in rural districts, and have them work in metropolitan centers during the winter.

Los Angeles Leads Church in Attendance, Ward Teaching

In the September bulletin issued by the Presiding Bishop's office showing the comparative standings of the various Stakes of the Church, Los Angeles leads the entire Church, with a rating of 229 points out of a possible 500. Other Stakes in California are well up on the list, all but Gridley are in the upper half. Here are the figures:

The first column of figures represents the % Ward Teachers Visits; second, % Attendance at Sacrament Meetings; third, Comparative Rating, Maximum, 500.

STAKE			
Los Angeles	100%	26%	229
Long Beach	99%	25%	215
San Francisco	62%	25%	216
Pasadena	82%	24%	215
Hollywood	93%	20%	213
Oakland	51%	19%	169
Sacramento	51%	18%	150
Gridley	46%	17%	130

STAKE OFFICERS MEET

Regular Stake officers meetings will be held in the Oakland chapel Sunday, Nov. 14 at 2 P.M. All persons holding Stake positions, either in quorums or auxiliaries, should be present. The High Council meets the same day.

On Thursday evening, November 18, at 7:45 P.M., in the Oakland chapel, a leadership meeting will be held for all M. I. A. officers of both Stake and wards.

ELEANOR R. McHAMILTON

Mrs. Eleanor R. McHamilton passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernestine Lagomorsino, following an illness of several months. She was 83 years of age.

Mrs. McHamilton, one of the daughters of Utah pioneers, was born in Fort Harrimaw, Utah. Her father, the late Robert Petty, was founder of the fort. While much of her life was spent in Utah, she had lived in Berkeley for the last three years and for several years before coming here, her home was in Oakland. She is survived by four daughters.

Funeral services were conducted at the Little Chapel of the Flowers by Bishop Ericksen. Music was furnished by Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Noe and the Luke brothers. Issac B. Ball delivered the funeral sermon. Interment was at Angel Camp. John Y. Smith dedicated the grave.

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WARD NEWS

MARTINEZ

The M. I. A. has been organized with the following officers: Young Men's, Raymond Evenson, Superintendent; Glen Robison, first assistant; Clarence Bernards, second assistant; Lee Mitchell, Secretary. For the Young Women's: Elsie Nix, President; Elsie Knowles, first counselor; Audrey Easton, second counselor, Berta Evenson, secretary.

The Mutual held their opening party Oct. 6th. Dancing was enjoyed and a basket lunch served.

The Pittsburg Sunday School presented the program at Sacrament meeting Oct. 10.

Elder E. J. Partington was the speaker at Sacrament meeting Oct. 17th.

The Martinez Sunday School presented a very interesting program at Sacrament meeting Oct. 24th.

We are happy to see Mrs. Audie Johnson, our Relief Society President, around again and feeling better after a recent illness.

Mrs. Marie Barber has returned from a vacation trip to Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Potts have both been ill at their home in Walnut Creek. We are all hoping to see them out again soon.

Loana McDonald and family of Pittsburg, has moved to Burley, Idaho, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brey and family, former members of Martinez Ward, have moved to Salt Lake where they will make their home.

James H. Kirby and Vera Averett were married in the Salt Lake Temple, August 17th. Nicholas G. Smith performed the ceremony.

VALLEJO

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens are the parents of a baby daughter born on September 26th.

At the fast day services, Sunday, October 3rd, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Baer and infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Fowles were christened.

Bishop and Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire enjoyed a delightful visit in Ogden and Salt Lake City where they were the guests of their son-in-law and daughter in Ogden and relatives and friends in Salt Lake. They also visited the Temple for several sessions and had the pleasure of accompanying their son and daughter through on their first visit. Mrs. Cheshire returned home October 25th, after an absence of eight weeks.

Katheryn Christensen, a former member of Vallejo Ward, returned to the Ward after an absence of six months. The ward members are very pleased to welcome her back.

The Vallejo Ward Sunday School is very sorry to lose their present Superintendent, A. Dairl Hill, who has moved with his family to Ogden, Utah, to make their home for the winter.

Mrs. Elbert E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coleman, Walter Hill and Mr. Charles Land were recent visitors in Ogden, Utah. While there the men folks enjoyed a deer hunt.

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ELMHURST

Mr. and Mrs. A. Stock and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman from Wyoming were visitors at the home of Mr. R. E. Stock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle from Ogden, Utah, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Stauffer.

A group of young people from Mutual were entertained at the home Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pearson in honor of Ivan's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Martin took a trip to Utah recently. While there they went through the temple.

Bishop McFarlane and family have returned from Salt Lake City where they attended Conference.

We understand that the Bishop felt very bad about having to part with his perfectly good Ford when he bought the new Plymouth that he is now driving.

Mrs. R. E. Stock is visiting her mother in Idaho.

ALAMEDA

Bishop and Mrs. Leo H. Crandall enjoyed a visit from their brother Lawrence Crandall and family of San Diego, he is the Branch President of the North Park Branch of the Church there. Mr. Crandall's brother from Ogden, Utah, also visited them.

Dr. C. Elmer Barrett of Salt Lake City is visiting in San Francisco and with his brother E. L. Barrett of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Horman and family have returned from a vacation. While he was away, Mr. Horman attended the Postal Clerk's Convention at Kansas City, and visited his brother in Detroit. Mrs. Horman and children visited with relations and friends in Salt Lake until her husband's return.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Marriott are vacationing with friends and relatives in Grantsville, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Steven and Mrs. William Bohr are visiting in Utah.

Caroline Durham has returned home from the Children's Hospital where she was seriously ill.

The new Mutual officers include: Hyrum S. Horman, superintendent, Warren Holmes and William Clayson as assistants and Willian Bohr, secretary. The Young Women: Mrs. Lue Hilda Seaver is again President with Lillian Horman and Vadis Chambers, counselors, and Isobel Bevan, secretary.

The Gleaner Girls and M Men enjoyed a wiener roast at Sequoia Park on October 9th. The evening enjoyment was marred by an auto accident, a car driven by Arnold Buck went over the embankment and turned over several times. The three occupants miraculously escaped with minor bruises.

The Relief Society spent their work day meeting quilting.

Mrs. Dorothy Crosbie has her sister Ruth Goodale from Utah, staying with her.

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BERKELEY

A new procedure for the Sunday night sacrament meeting has been started with the approval of the Stake Presidency. The first hour is devoted to the regular sacrament service; thereupon the congregation is divided into three groups and for another hour these groups take up their appropriate work. They are: the Deseret Club, for college students; boys and girls of the lower division college and high school ages; and the Genealogical Society.

A dinner was given by the Relief Society and Genealogical Society to raise money for the new pipe organ on October 15. Over 300 people attended.

The M Men have started basketball already. Each Saturday night for the last month they have played one of the Berkeley Y.M.C.A. Church league teams. The team is now fitted out with new green uniforms.

The Berkeley Ward Matrimonial Bureau (alias Mrs. Margaret Gardner) has been functioning again, and the engagement of Rosemary Parsons and Bernell Nelson is announced. Wedding plans are not definite.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth C. Jones, parents of Mrs. Norman L. Floyd, were recent visitors of their daughter; also Miss Rhea Stevens of Kennecott, Alaska.

Evelyn Clauson, Berkeley's most recent missionary, has arrived at her field of labor, and has been assigned to the southern part of Indiana. Her headquarters are in Chicago.

Sam Ferguson has moved to San Jose.

Mrs. Reuben T. Evans has been confined in the Alta Bates hospital for about ten days, undergoing a serious major operation. Her condition has been critical but is improving.

The many friends of Mrs. Sue Parsons will be happy to learn that she is home from the hospital and convalescing nicely from her recent illness.

Willard E. Ellis has returned to Berkeley after another year at Harvard law school. With him are his wife, formerly June Holmes, and baby, Barbara June. Berkeley welcomes them.

New People to whom Berkeley extends cordial welcome: Delore Nichols and family; Ira Telford and family; Aaron E. Jones and family; Alonzo Sorenson and family; Sidney Boyle and wife.

Zenoba Harper is visiting with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oral S. Luke.

S. Rhead Richard and wife, Helen Chipman Richards, have moved to New York City. The ward wishes them every success.

Basil H. Peterson has been installed in the Berkeley Sunday School superintendency, to succeed Vernon H. Jensen.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Karpus who were married October 13. Mrs. Karpus was formerly Marcelle Smart, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ball.

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OAKLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sorenson and two boys have moved to Los Angeles. The Ward gave them a farewell party. Their smiling faces will be missed in our ward, but we wish them success in their new adventure.

Louis Johnson entertained the Deacons and Teachers with an outing in Wildcat Canyon.

The "M" Men class has been organized with Jim Margaretts as President; Kenny Davey, vicepresident and Louis Johnson, secretary and treasurer. They promise us a good basket-ball team this year.

Bishop and Mrs. Shields spent their vacation at Conference and visiting relatives and friends in Utah.

We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kingsford back to our ward. The Mutual has them busy—Mrs. Kingsford is teaching the Beehive Class and Mr. Kingsford is the Era and Publicity Director.

Mrs. Laura Johnson was called to Salt Lake City to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. Snow.

The Oakland primary conference will be held on the 28th of November. The presidency urges all parents to please send children to primary every Saturday at 10 A.M.

The primary children greatly enjoyed the Hallowe'en party held at the Oakland ward on October 30th.

RICHMOND

The Ward is warmly welcoming Mrs. Alice Hopkins who has returned from Missouri with her daughters Catherine, Cloe and ten months old Geneva Nadine who was blessed October 17.

The M Men sponsored a dancing party on October 12, which was well attended.

The Gleaner Girls entertained the Mutual with an interesting play, "How to Get a Job." Those who took part were Leah Tidwell, Margaret Tidwell, Charlotte Fawcett, Jean Stevenson, Frances Brown, and Alta Brown.

Paul Johnson is visiting with his brother in Eureka. J. George Haddock has been visiting with his son Blaine Haddock before leaving on a mission to the East Central states.

DIMOND

A successful Hallowe'en Party in the nature of a costume affair was sponsored by the Mutual Officers Friday evening, Oct. 29.

Oscar McCarthy, our choir leader, has been enjoying a visit with his parents who have been spending the past six weeks at the McCarthy home. They left for a short visit in Los Angeles before returing to their home in Salt Lake.

Much favorable coment was given the Dimond Ladies Chorus for their recent broadcast from the Chapel of the Chimes. The Chorus is under the direction of Mrs. Aaltje Johan.

A big Ward bazaar is being planned for the latter part of November.

The Primary children enjoyed a Hallowe'en Party, Saturday afternoon, October 30.

Now that the basket ball season has begun, Ralph Lauper, the Stake M Men Leader is confident that they are in a position to provide plenty of thrills for the fans throughout the Stake. Admission is 25 cents for the double headers each Wednesday night at 8:15 P.M. Season tickets are on sale for $2.50.

That the women of the Ward are appreciating more than ever the fine course of study offered by the Relief Society is evidenced by the increase in attendance at their weekly meetings.

Th Primary Officers and Teachers have been preparing marmalade and making quilts for the Church Security program.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, Vallejo, a daughter, September 29th.
To Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nelson, of Pittsburg, a daughter, October 15.
To Mr. and Mrs. W. Meredity, Elmhurst, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Worthington, Elmhurst, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Crandall, Elmhurst, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lewellyn Keller, Alameda, a daughter, September 19.
To Mr. and Mrs. Julian Leigh Baer, Vallejo, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Hall, Dimond, a daughter, October 16.

BLESSINGS:

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Baer, Vallejo, October 3, 1937.
Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Fowles, Vallejo, October 3, 1937.
Geneva Nadine Hopkins, daughter of Mrs. Alice Hopkins, Richmond, October 17, 1937.

BAPTISMS:

Shirley Mae Smith, Elmhurst
Daniel Urban Cox, Elmhurst
Harvey LeRoy Curry, Elmhurst
Richard Aron Wimmer, Elmhurst
Ruth Osmond, Elmhurst

ORDINATIONS:

William B. Everett, Alameda, teacher, October 3.
Joseph Fontano, Alameda, teacher, October 3.
Theral Nielsen, Vallejo, teacher, October 24.
Oren Charles Boggus, Martinez, deacon, October 3.
Edwin Carlyle Hinckley, Martinez, deacon, October 3
Issac B. Ball, Berkeley, as Patriarch, October 31, by Joseph Fielding Smith.
Owen L. Stewart, Hayward, as Bishop, October 31, by Joseph Fielding Smith.
Clyde Curtis, Dimond; Thomas Auger and Wilford T. Webb, Hayward, as high priests, October 31, by Joseph Fielding Simth.
Vinal Mauss, Walter Aylett, Leon Baer, Thomas T. Rogers, Dexter E. Larson, Harvey Nielsen, Gerwin Blake Riding, Raymond Larson and Charles Stanley Carr, as seventies, October 31, by Joseph Fielding Smith.

MARRIAGES:

James H. Kirby and Verh Averett, in the Salt Lake Temple, by Elder Nicholas G. Smith, August 17.
Raymond Everson and Berta Woolley, Wilshire ward, Los Angeles, September 9.
Andrew Carlow Chapin and Roseltha May Sirrine, in October, by President Eugene Hilton.
Ray Karpus and Marcelle Ball Smart, in Berkeley, October 13.

HAYWARD

We are busy organizing a Boy Scout Troop. Willard Jensen will be Scout Master; Owen L. Stewart, Hazen Checketts and Raymond Westwood form the troop committee. The boys are becoming very enthused, in fact, they are not waiting for the charter to get started to work.

Mary Stewart and son Bernard spent a week in Mesa, Arizona, visiting friends and doing Temple Work.

Gertrude Lesser gave a party for the present and last year's Young Ladies Mutual officers. A very fine time was reported.

Our M.I.A. is doing as was expected. The attendance proves that good teachers will bring out a crowd. We believe that we have the best Adult Teachers in stake. They are Archie Inger and Florence Warrens. The rest of the teachers also come up to the mark of these two. **Let's Go To Mutual.**

Gwendolyn Millett is back at the University in Berkeley for another year. We are pleased to see her over the week-ends.

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